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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMO: PENDING BILATERALS AT UNCTAD AND
GHANAIAI REPRESENTATIVE AT MAY 4 LUNCHEON
(S/S NO. 7609063)

1. PROBLEM: WE HAVE TWO PENDING BILATERALS ON WHICH WE
NEED YOUR DECISION. WE ALSO ARE SEEKING YOUR APPROVAL
BOTH TO AMEND YOUR MAY 4 GUEST LIST TO EXCLUDE THE
GHANAIAI REPRESENTATIVE, AND TO RESCHEDULE YOUR CALL ON
PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT MARCOS.

2. BOTSWANA-BILATERAL WITH MINISTER CHIEPE (REF TOSEC
110164): A RESPECTED AND TRUSTED MEMBER OF GOB CABINET,
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CHIEPE IS ONE OF BOTSWANA'S MOST PROMINENT OFFICIALS AS

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON WITH SIMULTANEOUS ACCREDITATION AS AMBASSADOR TO A NUMBER OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. DR. CHIEPE IS CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT AND HAS INFLUENCE WITH HTM. AF AND EB RECOMMEND (10-15 MIN.) BILATERAL WITH CHIEPE 3:00 - 3:15 PM MAY 5 IN YOUR SUITE.

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3. AUSTRALIA - REF (TOSEC 110288) EA HAS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU HOLD A BILATERAL WITH AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREW S. PEACOCK. A TIMELY DECISION WILL PERMIT US TO EXTEND AN INVITATION PRIOR TO PEACOCK'S DEPARTURE TO UNCTAD.

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4. GHANA AT YOUR MAY 4 LUNCHEON: IN VIEW OF GHANA'S CANCELLATION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GHANA, OUR EMBASSY IN ACCRA HAS ASKED IF AN INVITATION TO THE HEAD OF GHANA'S DELEGATION TO UNCTAD IV FOR THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON ON MAY 4 SHOULD STILL BE EXTENDED. UNRELATED EVENTS HAD FORESTALLED OUR EXTENDING THIS INVITATION UNTIL NOW. GHANA'S DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE AND TOURISM, COL. K. A. QUARSHIE, BUT WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN COL. QUARSHIE WILL BE IN NAIROBI. QUARSHIE HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND HIS EXCLUSION FROM THE LUNCHEON WOULD HAVE NO ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR UNCTAD GOALS. AF RECOMMENDS THAT WE DO NOT EXTEND AN INVITATION AS A MEANS TO SIGNAL OUR DISPLEASURE WITH THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR TRIP TO GHANA.

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5. PHILIPPINES - BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS.

REPEATED CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF PRESIDENT MARCOS ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN A PRECISE TIME FOR YOUR CALL ON HIM. YOUR SCHEDULE PRESENTLY ALLOWS CALL ON CONFIDENTIAL

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MAY 4 AT 4:00 PM, HOWEVER, MARCOS MAY NOT BE ARRIVING UNTIL MIDAFTERNOON MAY 5. WE HAVE EXPLORED SWITCHING YOUR MEETING WITH MARCOS WITH EITHER PEREZ-GUERRERO (VENEZUELA - 3:30 PM MAY 5) OR MACEACHEN (CANADA - 4:30 PM MAY 5). PEREZ-GUERRERO SWITCH SEEMS MOST FEASIBLE, GIVEN SOLID INDICATIONS HE WILL BE IN NAIROBI MAY 4.

6. THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT DEPARTMENT

PREFERENCES FOR DEALING WITH MARCOS CALL. IMPLICIT IN YOUR AFFIRMATIVE DECISION ON EITHER OF THE FIRST TWO ALTERNATIVES IS NECESSITY FOR US TO PIN DOWN MARCOS ON HIS PRESENCE IN NAIROBI AS OF 2:00 PM MAY 5:

A) THAT YOU CALL ON MARCOS AT 2:30 PM MAY 5, AFTER YOUR LUNCHEON (KEY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES), RETURNING TO THE INTERCONTINENTAL AT 3:20 FOR YOUR BILATERAL WITH GUERRERO. (THIS OPTION WOULD NECESSITATE OUR RESCHEDULING OF THE BOTSWANIAN COURTESY CALL.)

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B) THAT YOU AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE SWITCHING OF YOUR CALL ON MARCOS WITH GUERRERO'S CALL ON YOU.

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C) THAT YOU AGREE TO CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS AT 8:00 AM MAY 6 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR 9:00 AM OPENING OF UNCTAD (MARCOS IS FIRST SPEAKER THAT DAY.)

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CLEARANCES: ARA - MR. ROGERS; AF - MR. SEELYE; EA - MR. HABIB; S/S-S - MR. BRODY; S: MR. R. AHERN

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